Welfare schemes for tea Garden Labourers in Assam

739. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the welfare schemes approved by the Central Government for the tea garden labourers in Assam during the last three years;

(b) to what extent the tea garden labourers have been benefited by these schemes;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to take any further steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wages of Workers of Assam Tea Gardens

740. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tea garden workers in Assam are getting lowest wages comparatively with the other organised sectors;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard, if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Occupational Wage Surveys are conducted from time to time to provide reliable data for planning and policy formulation. The data under the Survey is compiled stratum-wise. Under the North East India stratum, three sub-strata viz. Darjeeling; Cachar and Tripura; and Assam and West-Bengal are covered. According to the Fourth Occupation Wage Survey (1985—90), the average daily earnings of workers in the tea plantations in Assam and West Bengal (excluding Cachar and Darjeeling) were Rs. 16.08. The average daily earnings of workers in Coffee Plantations (Rs. 11.58) and Mica Mines (Rs. 15.68) was lower than those of workers in Tea Plantations.

Workers of Organised Industrial Sector

741. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers laid off in the organised industrial sector since 1st July, 1991;

(b) the total number of additional jobs created in the organised sector during the above period; and

(c) the regional distribution of such lay-offs and additional job creations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) According to available information the total number of workers laid off in the organised industrial sector are as follows:—

Year	Workers laid off
1991	71,060
1992	107,612
1993 (January to November)	56,050

(b) and (c) Statements I and II giving the total employment in the organised sector by States/UT's as on December 1991 and March 1992 and state-wise number of workers laid off during 1991—93 respectively are enclosed.